GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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SURVEY FOR NEW COAL DEPOSITS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is conducting survey on regular basis to identify new coal reserves in the country.

(b) if so, the details such surveys conducted during the last three years till date, State-wise;

(c) the details of coal reserves identified during the said period, location-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to extract coal from these coal reserves?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO) :

(a) Geological Survey of India (GSI) is conducting survey on a regular basis to identify new coal resources in the country. Apart from it, Ministry of Coal provides fund for Promotional Exploration to supplement the efforts of Regional Exploration by GSI, on plan-to-plan basis.

(b) The State-wise details of the surveys conducted during last three years by Geological Survey of India and by Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited and Central `Mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd. under Regional/ Promotional Exploration Programme are as under :

S.No.& State	Coalfield	No. of Blocks/ areas/sectors
1.West Bengal	Raniganj,Birbhum	8
2.Jharkhand	East Bokaro,South Karanpura, North Karanpura, Rajmahal Group of Coalfields	10
3.Orissa	Talcher,Ib-River	9
4.Chhattishgarh	Mand-Raighar,Korba, Hasdeo-Arand, Tatapani-Ramkola, Sonhat	21
5.Madhya Pradesh	Sohagpur,Singrauli,Pench Valley, Tawa Valley, Sonada-Gurgunda	22
6.Maharashtra Assam	Kamptee, Wardha Valley, Katol, Bander	10

7.Assam Makum 2

8.Andhra Pradesh Godavari Valley 12

9.Sikkim Rangit Valley 1

(c) The location-wise detail of coal resourcesestimated underRegional & Promotional Exploration Programme are given in statement enclosed.

(d) The Exploration for new coal deposits gives regional information about the block/area. If the coal block is found promising, further detailed exploration would be required before the scheme is taken up, Normally, it takes 5 to 7 years for completion of detailed exploration and thereafter mining project report/mining plan preparation is taken up.